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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, MPOL, IR

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM VULNERABILITY IN IRAN

1. IN MARCH 24 MEETING, NSC'S SPECIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SCC) REVIEWED PAPERS AND QUESTIONS RELATED TO PETROLEUM SUPPLY VULNERABILITY IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN.

SCC AGREED THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN PRIOR TO ITS NEXT SESSION ON SUBJECT, PROBABLY IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.

2. IN CASE OF IRAN, AIM IS TO UNDERTAKE INITIAL IN-HOUSE EXPLORATION OF SUBJECT WITHOUT IN ANY WAY INVOLVING GOI OR CONSORTIUM MEMBERS. WE WILL WANT AS CAREFUL A LOOK AS POSSIBLE IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE ON EXACTLY WHAT ARE THE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PHYSICAL SECURITY PROBLEMS,

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AND CURRENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS OF IRANIAN OIL FIELDS AND FACILITIES AND WHAT COULD BE DONE TO DECREASE VULNERABILITIES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ABOUT EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY NIOC OR OSCO. WE PROVIDED EARLY MATERIALS ON SUBJECT IN NAAS-MIKLOS LETTER OF MARCH 7 AND NAAS-SULLIVAN LETTER MARCH 23.

3. WE WILL BE EXPLORING WHAT IS AVAILABLE HERE ON SUBJECT

AND WILL ADD WHATEVER MAY BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY REPORT.

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THAT REPORT BY APRIL 10.

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